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1. British Embassy presented aide-memoire July 20 [redacted]

Department agreed greater coordination always desirable but said further study required ascertain practicability reducing number supervising agencies in view bilateral character such programs as US technical assistance and economic aid and for that matter British financial aid. For example US found it necessary establish LARC, even though Libyan Public Development and Stabilization Agency then existed, to assure required control US contribution. Question is whether over-all economic planning susceptible better coordination without sacrificing present control over US contributions. British representative admitted Ben Halim reacted [redacted] Embassy Tripoli's comments requested re practicability British suggestion after

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consultation with British Embassy Tripoli. Do not discuss with Libyans.

2. Aide-memoire also raises question [redacted]

Though Department reaction described as preliminary, it was made clear US not disposed become responsible for costly build-up of Libyan air force and for [redacted] security reasons expressed doubt re use Wheelus for training. Stated US now committed train and equip 1000 additional soldiers and survey team report expected soon. In response to questions, British representative said UK commitment apparently entails Libyan army build-up beyond 2200 total which our 1000-man commitment would produce.

Seems likely training of Libyan army will have to be done by US or UK and not both. [redacted] On basis existing information, Department not prepared see its present commitment re 1000 men converted into responsibility for building air force. If survey report recommends US assume training of more than additional 1000 men in interest uniformity, Department inclined favor such course of action, thereby leaving British freer to deal with any commitment re air force they may feel obligated to assume. Embassy comments requested so question can be discussed with Defense Department when survey report available.

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